

STAR OF THE SEA



CHRIST OUR LIGHT

Star of the Sea Catholic Parish

Cleveland, Ormiston, Raby Bay, Thornlands and Stradbroke Island.

We recognise the traditional owners of this land,
The Quandamooka People.

Star News 30th October 2016

31st Sunday in Ord Time

SUNDAY – Year C

Parish Mission:

The Star of the Sea is a welcoming community dedicated to sharing the light of Christ in the spirit of faith and love. We reach out to the service of others, thereby enriching our value of parish life.

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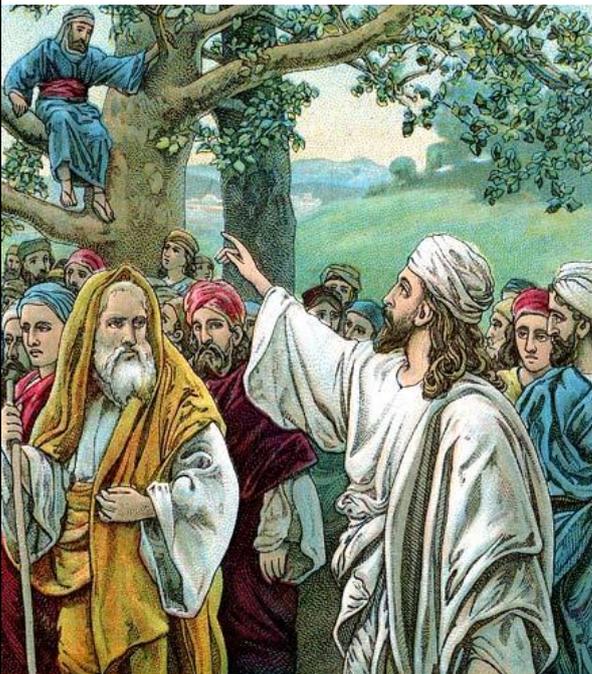
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Gospel Lk

19:1-10

*The Son of Man
came to seek and to
find that which
was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

WEEK DAY MASSES

MONDAY 9am
Redlands Hospital
1st & 3rd Mon of month

Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Mon of month

No mass on the 5th
Monday of the month or
Public Holidays.

WEDNESDAY 8.40am
Carmel College
No Mass on School
Holidays

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

FRIDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

SUN 9am
St Paul of the Cross
Dunwich

HOLY HOUR:
every Tuesday,
beginning at 2.50pm
in the Parish Church.
All welcome to join us in
prayer.

Dear friends,

Our First Reading today is from the Book of Wisdom, the youngest book of the Old Testament, written probably only about a hundred years before the birth of Jesus. In some ways, it is one of the most modern books of the Old Testament because it was written for a situation not unlike our own. There was a large Jewish community in Alexandria in Egypt. Alexandria was a cosmopolitan city where the secular pagan culture of the Hellenistic (Greek – speaking) world flourished. The Book of Wisdom seems to have been written to help these Jews maintain their religious and cultural identity in the context of a lively and appealing secular culture. Part of our own religious life today is the struggle to maintain our convictions about the relevance of God and church in our secular world.

Our Reading today is from the last section of the book and is an extended reflection about God's providence for his people during the exodus, their escape from Egyptian slavery to their entrance into the Promised Land. In the course of this extended reflection, there are two subsections, one concerned with God's mercy, the other with the futility of idolatry. Today's section is on God's mercy. How relevant for this year of Mercy.

Our reading begins with a general statement about the power and greatness of God. From God's point of view, all creation is like a drip of dew or like a tiny little grain of sand used for weighing on sensitive scales. Compared with God, everything created is infinitesimally small. Then the author begins to deal with God's mercy.

God is merciful; he overlooks people's sins because he is all powerful and loves what he has created. Nothing in creation is foreign to God's care. Everything exists because God wanted it to begin with and it continues to exist because God wants it to remain. He preserves everything from destruction because it is all his and he loves it.

Because of God's power and love, he can be merciful to sinners.

He can lead them away from their sins and gradually bring them back to himself.

Scholars have said that this passage is one of the high points of Old Testament literature and that nowhere else in the Old Testament is God's love for all his creatures so clearly seen.

In these verses we hear about the gentleness, patience and generosity of the all-powerful God. God is merciful to sinners, not because sin is unimportant, not because God is weak, because God is strong, because he is Lord of all creation, powerful enough to love and heal even those who reject him.

The teaching of this passage of Wisdom and the word, and actions of Jesus in the Gospel answer the great question of how nothing can separate us from God's love. It has nothing to do with us but all to do with God. Because God is all-powerful. Because God is all-loving. Because God is all-merciful.

Congratulations to **Luke Nolan** who has been chosen as College Captain of Carmel College for 2017. Luke is an outstanding young man, always very willing to help and has been an Altar Server at Star of the Sea for about 4 years. He received several awards at the **Carmel Awards night last Tuesday night**, one being for the Year 11 Student who best exemplifies the motto of "Let your light shine" – and Luke certainly does that.

Congratulations to all the Award Winners particularly those from Star of the Sea.

Another of our special young people, **Sydney Brand**, was another major award winner. Congratulations Sydney on your achievements.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have been major sponsors of the **National Church Life Survey (NCLS)** Research for 20 years and have confirmed their support for the participation of Catholic parishes in the 2016 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) to be conducted in October and November. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has funded a randomly selected sample of about 250 parishes across all Australian Catholic dioceses to participate in this 2016 NCLS. Our parish has been selected and encouraged to participate. Star of the Sea Parish participated in an earlier survey in response for the 2006 Census, so many of you will remember the experience. The survey is a vital project in the life of our Christian Churches across Australia and involves over 20 denominations in approximately 7000 churches. The results provide a snap-shot view of the life and mission of each parish community as well as helpful comparisons with other Catholic parishes and other Christian denominations.

We will conduct the survey on the weekend of 5 / 6 November and will require all Mass attenders over the age of 15 years to complete a 4 page questionnaire which will take approximately 15-20 minutes. So please mark this date on your calendar and remember to bring your glasses.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke
Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY: All Saints Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 1 November at 9.15am.**
All Souls Mass – **Wednesday 2 November at 9.15am.**

All Souls envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. If you wish prayers for your loved ones departed, please write his/her name on one envelope and put it in the collection plate. They will then be placed on the altar for prayers during the whole month of November.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP: There will be morning tea after the Healing Mass on **Thursday 3 November.** All welcome!

FR JAMES MALLON—ADVICE ON TURNING FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION: Father James Mallon is a parish priest at Saint Benedict, Halifax, Canada and the author of the bestselling book ***Divine Renovation - Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission.*** He is also Brisbane bound with a **one day seminar to be held out at San Sisto College, Carina on Saturday November 19.** Within his book, Fr James shares insights from his experience of seeking to become a more missionary parish. Fr James will inspire you with his stories of how St Benedict's has transformed their parish community to become a more vibrant, welcoming and outwardly focused faith community.

He will share the key strategies that have worked for them as well as their learnings from their challenges and failures. This all day seminar will include two plenary sessions with Fr James in the morning and a series of workshops in the afternoon exploring various aspects of parish life discussed in the Divine Renovation book.

This is a rare opportunity not to be missed to hear this world-leading pastoral practitioner talking about evangelisation, collaborative leadership and growing missionary disciples. It is ideally suited for clergy, parish pastoral leaders, pastoral council members and all involved in parish ministry (includes morning tea and lunch).

If you are interested, please ring the parish office 3821 4902 or send us an email by Thursday 4 November.

YOUTH GROUP: A reminder that the Youth Group is open to all high school youth, not just Carmel College students. For more information about the Youth Group, please contact Lee Brand, Carmel College staff member (Lee.Brand@carmelcollege.qld.edu.au).

The following indicates the Term 4 activity schedule for the Youth Group. Youth are invited to attend the 5:30pm mass at Star of the Sea parish as the Youth Group meeting will take place following the mass.

- Saturday, 5 November: Youth Group meeting at Star of the Sea Parish Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Saturday, 12 November: Youth Group (primary age mixed with high school aged) Movie Night at Star of the Sea Parish Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Saturday, 26 November: Youth Mass hosted by Youth Group at Star of the Sea Parish for 5:30pm mass...all youth invited to mass, need youth group volunteers for choir, musicians, readers, greeters, gift/cross bearers.



WINE AND CHEESE - SVDP Fund Raiser:

Next **Saturday 29th October**, from 6.30pm - at the Parish Hall.

Entry: \$5 pp – all welcome!



(The following books will be available on the day: Heaven Tempers the Wind \$20 and Chocolate Soldier \$20)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every **Wednesday 4.30pm** in Star of the Sea Church. For more information ring **Norma 32863532.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Would you like to help us at the Sunday School (**Children Liturgy**), during the 8.30am Mass? We need more volunteers as some of them are moving away!
- We are also looking for another volunteer to join the **Baptismal Class Team**, the classes are on the 1st Sunday of the month, after the 8.30am Mass.

SINGLES OUT TO LUNCH: The final luncheon for 2016 will be on **Sunday 20th November** at the **Tavern Victoria Point.** (Bunnings car park). Please call **Jean on 3821 3071 by 17th November** to confirm attendance so a booking can be made.

MATER HOSPITAL REDLANDS AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS MARKETS: Wednesday 16 November from 5pm to 9.30pm at Redlands Museum. 60 Smith St Cleveland. Free entry, lots of stalls. Please come and help us raise much needed funds for our hospital.

OUR CHURCH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2016 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY. Our church will be amongst thousands of churches that complete the 2016 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) in October and November this year. The purpose of the NCLS is to help churches to be more vital and effective. Through the survey our churchgoers will be able to give their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. The survey provides valuable feedback that enables leaders at local, regional and national levels to evaluate and plan for the future. After 25 years of experience you can be assured that this Christian mission research with proven academic credibility will lead to practical application in churches. Our church's contribution will form an important part of the national snapshot of the whole Australian Church. www.2016ncls.org.au



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

PARENT/ PARISHIONER RETREAT: Our annual Parent/Parishioner Retreat will be on **Friday 11th November at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from 9.30 – 2.30.** This is an opportunity to spend the day in a beautiful location, sharing amazing food, great company and learning about wellbeing. Our Guidance Counsellor, Rachael Lovett, will lead the day with opportunities for some quiet reflection. Our staff participated in this retreat on our pupil free day and loved the experience! **Cost for the day is \$25 per head.** Please **rsvp by Monday 7th November** to pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au or drop in to the school office. We would dearly love to see you there!



Year Of Mercy - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th October 2016 *“Jesus, with his merciful behaviour, shows the church the path it must take to reach out to every person so that each one can be healed in body and spirit and recover his or her dignity as a child of God.”*
 – Pope Francis, Papal Audience 31st August, 2016

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 30 Oct 2016

Responsorial Psalm
 (R.) *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*
Gospel Acclamation
 Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much; he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
 Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

6 November 2016

First Reading: **2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**
 Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**
 Second Reading: **2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5**
 Gospel: **Lk 20:27-38**

MINISTRY – 6 November 2016

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Bread	Communion Min - Wine
5.30 pm	Elizabeth Fisher	John Mott Usha Jayaswal	Lil Predl Sue Wilson Daphne Bartels	Elizabeth Fisher Tony Moore Teresa Coates Judith Seery
7.00 am	Sid Steele	Aurora Stronach Michelle Hopton	Dennis Kennedy Bert Latham Flor Birkett	Sid Steele Margaret Simpson Michael Dahm Valerie Curley
8.30 am	Sue Fairbairn	Helen Hunter Judi-Ann Zacka	Peter Hunter Terry Larsen Cheryl Webb	Caroline Santaguiliana Clarita Cleavelly Janelle Jahnke Carmen Scandar

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS	Counters	Team 4
	Cleaners	Team 3